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**FLORIDA CROP PROGRESS &
 CONDITION REPORT**



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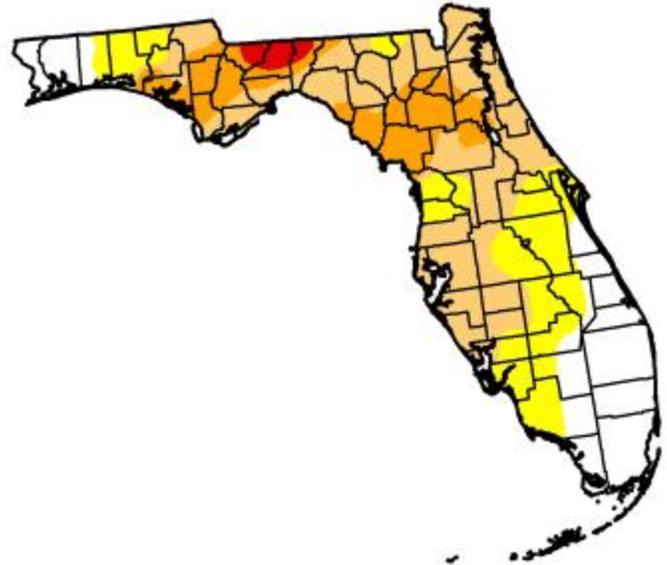
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Week Ending: June 24, 2012

Rains, Rains, Rains

Weather Summary: Beneficial rains late in the week helped improve the drought conditions. The week's rain helped reduce wildfire risk across the State. Tropical Storm Debby brought significant downpours and remains a stationary storm over Florida. Various stations recorded over one to three inches of rain for the week. Rainfall totaled over four inches in Homestead, Live Oak, Miami, North Port, and Okahumpka. Localities reporting over five inches of rain included Balm, Frostproof, Lake Alfred, Ocklawaha, and Sebring. Over six inches fell in Avalon, Bronson, and Dover. Carrabelle and Citra received over seven inches of precipitation. Temperatures at the major stations were four degrees below normal to one degree below normal. In Pensacola, Tallahassee, and West Palm Beach temperatures stayed near normal. Daytime highs were mostly in the upper 80s and low 90s. Evening lows were in the 60s and 70s.

U.S. Drought Monitor: June 19, 2012



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

Soil Moisture Ratings

Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	24	2
Short	30	41	11
Adequate	60	33	72
Surplus	7	2	15

Peanut Progress

Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pegged	21	12	34

Field Crops: The continuous rainfall raised soil moisture supplies across the State. Recent rainfall helped aid field crops that were recently planted in the Panhandle and northern Peninsula. Irrigated and non-irrigated field crops were reported in mostly good condition across the State. Peanut condition was rated 3 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 13 percent excellent with 34 percent pegged. Fieldwork was active and growers continued spraying in Washington County.

Fruits & Vegetables: Heavy rains curtailed most picking with growers harvesting supplies for the July 4th holiday demand. Okra harvesting continued in Miami-Dade County. Tomato harvesting remained active in the Quincy area with supplies declining seasonally. Growers marketed avocados, cantaloupes, mangoes, and tomatoes.

Livestock and Pastures: Statewide, the pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent. The condition of the pasture varied within each area depending on recent precipitation. In many locations, the drought did not break until midweek. The condition of the cattle ranged from very poor to excellent, with most in fair or good condition. In the **Panhandle**, pastures were in very poor to excellent condition with most fair or good. The threat of foliage feeders was a concern. The cattle condition was poor to excellent, with most in good condition. In the **northern** area, most pastures were in fair to good condition, while the cattle ranged from poor to excellent condition, but most were in good condition. In the **central** area, the pastures were in very poor to excellent condition, with most rated poor or fair. Some Bradford County pastures had standing water, and Hernando, Citrus and Sumter counties pastures were underwater due to rain from TS Debbie. In the **southwestern** areas of Florida, the pasture conditions were very poor to excellent, with most fair or good. Pastures looked good with much more green and taller grass. The condition of the cattle ranged from poor to excellent, with most in fair or good condition.

Citrus: Daily high temperatures remained in the low to mid 90s across the citrus region. The arrival of Tropical Storm Debby this past weekend ensured that all FAWN stations in the citrus growing region recorded some precipitation this week, with Brooksville receiving the most at 10.12 inches (9.16 of that fell Sunday, due to TS Debbie). Twenty-two stations received more than two inches. Fort Pierce recorded the least precipitation, with 1.27 inches. Drought conditions continued to improve over the whole of the citrus region, as per the U.S. Drought Monitor, last updated June 19, 2012. As late orange harvesting was drawing to a close, young tree care and grove maintenance were the primary grove activities.

Citrus Estimated Boxes Harvested

[In thousands of 1-3/5 bushel boxes]

Crop	Jun 4-10, 2012	Jun 11-17, 2012	Jun 18-24, 2012
	(boxes)	(boxes)	(boxes)
Valencia.....	70	43	58
Grapefruit.....	3	3	6
Total.....	73	46	64

Cattle and Pasture Condition

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	1	1	1	2
Poor.....	4	6	9	9
Fair.....	35	45	25	35
Good.....	55	43	55	41
Excellent.....	5	5	10	13

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